

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF MAINE, AN APPLICANT MUST SATISFY THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

A. U.S.A. OR CANADIAN MEDICAL GRADUATES

1. Graduate from an accredited U.S. or Canadian medical school.
2. Postgraduate training (You must satisfy at least one of these categories):
 - a) If you graduated on or after January 1, 1970 but before July 1, 2004 you must have satisfactorily completed at least 24 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Canadian Medical Association or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. If you graduated after July 1, 2004 you must have satisfactorily completed 36 months of approved postgraduate training.
 - b) If you graduated before January 1, 1970 you must have satisfactorily completed at least 12 months in a graduate educational program accredited by the ACGME, the Canadian Medical Association or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
 - c) Have satisfactorily graduated from a combined postgraduate training program in which each of the contributing programs is accredited by the ACGME and are eligible for accreditation by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in both specialties.
 - d) Are currently certified by ABMS.
3. Attain a passing score on one of the following examination sets:
 - a) Each individual test of United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), or National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), separately or in an approved combination. There is a limit of three attempts for Step 3 and ALL exams must be completed within 7 years.
 - b) State Board examination deemed equivalent by the Board to (a) above.*
 - c) Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).*
 - d) British Isles Credentialing - General Medical Council of United Kingdom, or Republic of Ireland, or Scotland.*
4. Undergo a background check to verify professional competence, ethics and character.
5. Achieve a passing score on a State of Maine jurisprudence examination administered by the Board.
6. Complete and submit all applicable forms, fees, and documentation as required.

B. INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

1. Graduate from a school listed in the latest edition of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates IMED list of medical schools.
2. Postgraduate training: Satisfactorily completed at least 36 months in an internship/residency/fellowship program(s), which is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Canadian Medical Association, or the Royal Colleges of Physicians of England, Ireland, or Scotland, or has satisfactorily graduated from

a combined postgraduate training program in which each of the contributing programs is accredited by the ACGME and is eligible for accreditation by the American Board Of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in both specialties, or is certified by the ABMS. To apply for a waiver of postgraduate accreditation, see 32 MRSA, §3271,(6) at <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/32/title32sec3271.html>

3. Provide acceptable evidence of one of the following:
 - a) Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) examination certification.
 - b) Certification of Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences (FMGEMS).
 - c) VISA Qualifying Examination (VQE) examination certification.
 - d) Successful completion of the Fifth Pathway program.
4. Attain a passing score on one of the following examination sets:
 - a) Each individual test of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX), or the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), separately or in an approved combination. There is a limit of three attempts for Step 3 and all exams must be completed within seven years.
 - b) State Board examination deemed equivalent by the Board to (a) above.*
 - c) Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC).*
 - d) British Isles Credentialing - General Medical Council of the United Kingdom, or the Republic of Ireland.*
5. Undergo a background check to verify professional competence, ethics and character.
6. Achieve a passing score on a State of Maine jurisprudence examination administered by the Board.
7. Complete and submit all applicable forms, fees, and documentation as required.

* SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

PLEASE NOTE

Mandated Reporter Requirements for Suspected Child Abuse

Maine law requires that physicians immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) when the physician knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected or that a suspicious child death has occurred. **In addition, Maine law requires physicians to immediately report to the Maine DHHS if a child is under 6 months of age or otherwise nonambulatory exhibits evidence of the following: Fracture of a bone; Substantial bruising or multiple bruising; Subdural hematoma; Burns; Poisoning; or Injury resulting in substantial bleeding, soft tissue swelling or impairment of an organ.**

Mandated Reporter Training and additional information regarding mandated reporting can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cps/>

Maine Prescription Monitoring Program

As of August 1, 2014, Maine law requires all Allopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, Podiatrists, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who are licensed to prescribe scheduled medications to register with the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). To register, please go to the Prescription Monitoring Program website: <http://www.maine.gov/pmp> Download, complete and sign a registration form located within the yellow box. You may mail, scan and email or fax a signed form to the information located on the form. Please note there are two types of registration forms available, 1) Data Requester form for active prescribers with a DEA number and, 2) Sub-Account form for assistants/non-prescribing health professionals.

More PMP information is available at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/samhs/osa/data/pmp/prescriber.htm>

The Board strongly recommends regular use of the PMP